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One of America's greatest numismatists has left us. Exactly on the day of his 75th birthday Howard D. Gibbs left the world in which he devoted his life to the serving of one god. The god was the old Roman goddess called "Moneta", and he served her well. This is not to say that Howard was not a good citizen. He devoted the days of the war to assisting the government of his state of Pennsylvania whenever it was required.

Hans Schulman

He arbitrated in many differences in the pacemakers peace between management and labor in the coal industry. He was active in the truckers' union, he supported his political party, he was always ready to be called upon.

He raised a large family and ended with 29 grandchildren whom he adored.

Most of his non-numismatic life was lived during the daylight hours, or if necessary 'till 11 o'clock at night. And from then 'till four or five in the morning the hours were his, and he shared them only with "Moneta." Nothing could equal the importance in Howard's life of his coins or coins in general.

He adored his wife Helen, who deserved to be admired because her devotion to him was unlimited, and he loved his children, all four of them, Florence, Howard Jr., Doreen and Connie. But his life was numismatics!

Howard started at the age of seven to collect coins and he never stopped until two weeks before he died.

He became the world authority on primitive and odd and curious money, and his collection is the largest and most extensive in the world.

He obtained most of his primitive money by corresponding with missionaries and museums, and in his later life he went to meet his contacts personally.

In coins he had three other strong selections: Copper coins of the world was one and he succeeded in obtaining the largest collection ever assembled, greater than Neumann ever had and incorporating Eklund's collection. Howard sold his copper "world" over a period of many years through auctions and direct sales.

His other special interest was in siege, necessity and counterstamped coins which founded the West Indies; this collection was sold in auctions by Amsterdam and Munich (Jacques Schulman and Gerhard Hirsch).

His counter-stamped pieces, especially the West Indies, were sold by me in 1966.

The third coin specialty was talers of the world, particularly the Germanic world. He disposed of most of these holdings in a big series of Ben-Hess sales.

But his primitive money was his love and no end were the stories he would tell about these. We tried to have him record these stories on a tape recorder, but Howard was already too weak to do this.

So strong were his feelings for coins that in his last hours, being in a coma, he asked to pick up some gold coins from his bed, and also to get the coins together which had fallen on the floor — in his unconsciousness the coins were still there under the guidance of goddess "Moneta."

Howard Gibbs was a steady visitor at conventions and auctions. He competed with the biggest names among collectors like E.C.C. Boyd and T. James Clark, with dealers like B. G. Johnson and Wayte Raymond. Most European auctions received bid sheets, written in his clear fast handwriting.

In general knowledge, Howard was one of the greatest numismatists who ever lived. Pittsburgh became a big numismatic town because of his presence.

He founded a coin club, and in later life had a small group of intimate collectors around him, the Sphinx group. They planned a birthday celebration for him at his home in the room where he was lying in bed for so many months, but, alas, he died that very day.

He traveled a lot all over the world and met almost all the people he once dealt with. He made many friends and listening to him could enrich one's knowledge.

Many a coin was purchased by him in duplicate, so he became a gentleman dealer at the same time. He never sold a piece from his odd and curious collection unless it was a clear duplicate.

Howard was a friend of my father, and on the many trips father made from Holland to the U.S.A. he always sold a few special coins to Howard.

When I immigrated to these beautiful shores and proudly became an American citizen, Howard transferred his admiration for my father into a friendship for me, and so we stayed until the very last day.

I saw him off on his last trip and was there when we buried him at St. Anne Cemetery in Pittsburgh.

I could only ask "Moneta" to take good care of him in the Elysian Fields.

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Schulman Offered Gibbs Collection, March 18-19

The Waldorf Astoria Hotel in New York City was the site where, on March 18th and 19th, the comprehensive Howard D. Gibbs collection of cut and counterstamped, necessity and siege coins of the Americas were sold as aution. The auction was handled by Hans M. F. Schulman, the auctioneer being Donald D'Amato, and the cataloguing having been personally handled by Howard Gibbs.

Offered from this comprehensive collection were some 2,-235 lots, the coins originating from the various countries of Central and South America, the West Indies and island areas, and Mexico. The well detailed catalog of the sale numbered 140 pages, of which 44 were devoted to plates illustrating the offerings.

The catalog introduction carries the statement; "A careful perusal of this catalogue will show, I believe, that no collection as complete and containing so many unique and rare pieces has ever been offered to the collecting public before." To these words by cataloger Gibbs, many would add the words that probably never again would such a comprehensive offering be made.

Gibbs, who traces his collecting desires to the receipt of a handful of foreign coins on his seventh birthday in 1902, was early attracted to counterstamped coins. As time went on they began to intrigue him more and more, and for the past fifty years he has devoted his collecting energies to this interesting series.

In Gibbs words; "I soon realized that they did have a special appeal because each and every one had a story behind them." Finally, in 1951, despite his deep interest, Gibbs began disposing of parts of his comprehensive world collection of this material, holding the present American section for last.

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It is the owners hope that the odd and curious money will be kept intact and wil eventually be used as the basis for a national display.

It has been the authors privilege to have been a corresponding friend of the owner of this collection and it is with great pleasure that he is able to make this announcement to the public.

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For collectors of counterstamped coins, the odd, the exotic, the circulated, cut coins of the Americas, the Howard D. Gibbs collection to be auctioned by Hans M. F. Schulman on March 18 and 19 should find considerable interest.

Geographical limits are somewhat difficult to establish, as coins originally struck in the Americas might have been counterstamped in Japan or elsewhere; coins of Japan might have been counterstamped in the Americas, so liberal territorial boundaries must be accepted.

But from Agostura, Colombia, to Zamora, Mexico; from Prince Edward Island, Canada, to Tarapaca, Chile, the collector of coins of the Americas will find coins to add to a set of place names, add new dimensions to a geographical collection, and discover a source of a wealth of history and economics.

Prices for items in the sale range from an estimated $2,500 for an eight - escudo gold counterstamped coin of Colombia to a Culion Leper colony 20 centavo nickel coin of 1922, estimated at $10.

Many islands, revolutionary units and "temporary nations" used the regular coinage of other nations for their own currency by the simple expediency of just restamping them. In some cases, the counterstamp was the mark of a new issuing authority; in others, a new denomination. When a counterstamp would not do the job, the coin might be cut in pieces or a central portion punched out.

Gibbs explains in an introduction to the sale that he started collecting at the age of seven; he sought counterstamped coins for 50 years, and states, "I believe that no collection as complete and containing so many unique and rare pieces has ever been offered to the collecting public before."

Gibbs continues, "Now a word about condition. To those who want Uncirculated, well - struck or Proof coins, this series is not for you. By the very nature of conditions under which almost all these coins were issued such classification is impossible.

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Upper left coin is estimated to bring $2,500 in the March 18 and 19 Schulman sale of the Gibbs collection. The gold coin was struck in Columbia in 1831. Upper right is a coin issued in Bordeaux, France, counterstamped in Puerto Rico. Schulman values the coin at $200. Lower left, the Province of Maranhao placed the counterstamp "M" on an 80 reis coin of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, dated 1832. Lower right is a Mexican eight-reales coin counterstamped "MS" for Manuel Salcedo, estimated at $600 by Schulman.

A bronze eight-reales coin issued by Father Jose Maria Morelos' revolutionaries in their bid to free Mexico from Ferdinand VII's Spanish rule is offered in the Gibbs sale. The coin was struck in the southern part of Mexico; hence, the word "Sud," or "south" in Spanish. Schulman estimates the coin to have a value of $150.

Coin World Mint Mark S

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Between October 27 and February 9, Coin World presented a series of listings of World Mint marks. Such an undertaking had not been compiled before in such a compact form, to include symbols and letters designating all known modern Mints of the world.

Such a list could only be a beginning, and through contributions of Granvyl G. Hulse, U. S. Navy, Pacific; Bob Holladay, Ventura, Calif.; Margo Russell of Coin World and Mary Jane Nuss of World Coins, additional information has been obtained and is presented to Coin World readers in a series of supplemental sections beginning in this issue.

The listing is presented in the same format as used earlier. First, in bold face letters, the Mint letter or designator is given. Then in regular type is given the name of the Mint, the country or countries it served, and its dates of operation with the Mint mark noted.

Privy marks are included where they served the purposes of a Mint mark, but the enormous number of these would make their wholesale inclusion in such a work as this of doubtful value.

The supplement is presented in two segments. The first, corrigenda, or corrections, indicates these Mint marks were presented before, either with incomplete or erroneous information. The corrigenda Mint marks should be substituted for their counterparts in the original listing.

The second and larger portion, addenda, or additions, contains Mint marks not listed in

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ed The Dearborn, Mich., Coin Club, with an extra meeting night in March, since there are five Tuesdays, scheduled an outstanding speaker for the evening. Officials are trying to get a large attendance out for the session of March 29.

The speaker is a special agent from the Treasury Department and plans to talk on counterfeiting. According to a spokesman, this will be very interesting and timely, and held at 7:30 p.m. in the Youth center, Michigan and Greenfield in Dearborn.

The Ann Arbor, Mich. Coin Club will hold its second annual Coin Show on May 22 in the VFW Memorial home, 314 East Liberty street in Ann Arbor.

Neil Podewils appointed Robert Harding as general chairman; Leo Stapleton, exhibits; Jill Harding, registration; J W Canfield, publicity; Floyd Williams, bourse, and himself as security chairman.

Awards will be made in U.S. silver, U. S. copper, U. S. nickel; Canadian coins; foreign; U S. type sets, tokens and medals. Ribbons will be presented to exhibiting junior members.

A spokesman said refreshments will be served and plenty of parking space will be available.

Chemung Club Has New Site

The Chemung Valley Coin Club, Elmira, N Y recently changed its meeting place to the Chemung Valley Savings and Loan auditorium, Main at First. Meetings are held at 1:30 p.m. on the third Sunday of each month except July and August

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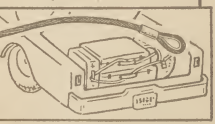

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1913-D (2)	12.95	17.95	22.50	27.50	33.50
1913-S (2)	18.50	29.95	37.50	45.00	52.50
1914	1.00	1.50	2.25	2.75	4.95
1914-D	8.95	15.50	19.95	27.50	35.50
1914-S	1.45	2.50	4.45	7.45	10.45
1915	.65	1.00	1.50	2.25	4.50
1915-D	2.25	3.75	6.00	9.50	16.50
1915-S	3.75	5.95	9.50	12.50	28.50
1916-18	.20	.40	.60	1.25	3.00
1916-D	1.25	2.95	4.50	5.95	9.95
1916-S	.75	1.75	2.75	4.75	8.50
1917-D	1.15	2.25	4.95	8.50	18.95

	AG	G	VG	F	VF
1924-S	2.75	4.45	7.45	13.50	75.00
1925-D	.95	2.95	6.50	12.50	37.00
1925-S	.40	1.95	4.25	6.75	16.95
1926-D	.75	1.95	4.25	8.45	37.00
1926-1929	.15	.25	.30	.40	1.00
1926-S	2.75	4.25	7.95	14.95	39.00
1927-D&S	.40	.85	1.75	3.95	12.95
1928-D	.25	.40	.75	1.25	6.95
1928-S	.20	.25	.40	.60	2.50
1929-D	.15	.35	.65	.90	2.00
1929-S	.15	.20	.35	.50	1.00
1930-S	.20	.30	.50	.75	1.95
1931-S	4.00	4.50	4.95	5.50	7.00

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1934-D	20.00	.30	.50	2.00	4.50
1935	6.00	.20	.30	.80	1.25
1935-D	13.00	.25	.35	1.25	2.25
1935-S	9.00	.25	.35	.90	1.50
1936	4.50	.15	.20	.35	.50
1936-D	9.00	.25	.35	.90	1.75
1936-S	6.00	.20	.25	.40	.75
1937	4.50	.15	.20	.35	.50
1937-D	6.75	.20	.25	.70	1.00
1937-S	12.95	.30	.40	.70	1.25
1938-D	12.95	.30	.40	.70	1.25
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